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WEATHER.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—For Lower Michigan.—Local snow; westerly winds.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Today the nations of the earth unite in paying homage to the Christ child, and in joyously exclaiming: "Merry Christmas." Far and away has this country reason to cry Merry Christmas beyond all nations of the globe. Famines, plagues, war and disaster have shunned her far shores. Few indeed are the homes of America in which the families do not gather 'round the hearth and in the warm glow of the Yule log, revive pleasant thoughts of those days when one, in charming innocence, hung the long stocking to the chimney place and wrote Santa Claus a letter. Visions of the old homes come to mind and there is the slightest suspicion of glancing in the eye—a tear for the departed mother. There are those in Grand Rapids today who have no house to visit, where Christmas cheer and "good will to men" hold forth. The thought causes a heart-ache. To all such THE HERALD wishes the merriest of Merry Christmases. To those who have all that money can purchase or heart desire, a Merry Christmas, "Merry Christmas" and "God bless you" to the unhappy and unfortunate. Surely the Christ child will send some heavenly messenger, in earthly guise, to minister to your wants and needs and to gladden, if only for the hour, the one day of the year, Merry Christmas. To all its readers friends and enemies, to all mankind THE HERALD wishes you a Merry Christmas.

## NO CHANCE TO SUCCEED.

If the issues in the present congressional complications were confined alone to the action of the Iowa county canvassing board there would be greater reason for pursuing the contest to the end that exact justice might prevail. The Eagle is extremely unfair when it intimates that THE HERALD discourages the contest now being waged for other than patriotic reasons. Let it be granted that the democrats purposely and wrongfully counted the votes in Iowa county in order to return a plurality for Richardson. Let the supreme court compel the Iowa board to reconvene and correct the wrong. What will be gained by this? Absolutely nothing. The Eagle itself has declared that, on a case made, the democrats would throw out the soldiers' home precinct, in which event, the returns will show over 100 plurality for Richardson. Does THE Eagle, or any intelligent person, think for a moment that the democrats in the house will unseat a sitting member on an order from the supreme court of a state when the house alone is the judge of the election of its members? It cannot be. If a wrong has been perpetrated in refusing to count defective ballots in Iowa county, and nobody will question that there was, an equally great wrong was perpetrated in refusing to count the eight votes from Plainfield township. It should be known that Mr. Balknap declared before the result was announced that if Richardson got the certificate he would not contest his election. The present contest is managed by men who have large sums of money at stake. It is not true that THE HERALD seeks to discourage the contest to right the wrong done in Iowa; it is true that THE HERALD believes in common with a large majority of the honest and non-gambling republicans of this district that the contest is a very great mistake in view of the fact that it must ultimately fail.

## MR. FOO'S PETITION.

Wong Chin Foo, president of the Chinese Exclusion League has prepared and sent out for signatures a petition to be presented to congress praying for the repeal of the Geary act, excepting the first section thereof whereby all laws now in force prohibiting and regulating the coming of Chinese persons into the United States "are hereby continued in force for a period of ten years from May 5, 1892." Mr. Foo represents that his league is not in the field to encourage Chinese immigration, nor to interfere with the existing laws of the country, but to protest against the indignity about to be perpetrated on 150,000 Chinese in the requirement that they shall be photographed and that the photograph shall constitute a "badge of infamy" in the customs office of this country. The contention is that such an indignity is in violation and degradation of our limited civil liberties. Comparisons are made on the score of color and nationality to show that the wrong is without precedent. Mr. Foo is an educated Chinese. He rebels against a law that singles him out on account of his color and activity to be made a spectacle of shame in this great country. He has willing that his countrymen shall be shut out of the country, but unwilling that those already here shall be made criminals, in enforcing a law. There is force in his reasoning and it is probable that an extended movement will be interpreted to abolish by repeal the offensive portions of the

Geary act. There is no room for any more Chinamen in this country. They do not assimilate with our cosmopolitan population, but remain distinct colonies, controlled by laws peculiar to themselves, formulated by the Six Companies. But they came into this country without violating treaties nor breaking our laws. They are here and they cannot be deported. The gates are closed against further immigration and the objectionable provisions of the Geary act are to prevent fraud and evasion. It seems as if some other method for checking duplication and fraud could be devised which would do away with the photograph clause.

## UNNECESSARY EXTRAVAGANCE.

Senator Barnard is in favor of abolishing the superior court of this city. He is not alone in his advocacy of such a plan. The superior court is an expensive law machine. It is not only expensive but unnecessarily so at times. The holding of a jury in attendance upon a court for several weeks to hear a case or a dozen of them involving less than the daily cost of the court and jury is inexcusably extravagant. This is not the only objectionable feature. There is now and always will be grave doubts as to the jurisdiction of the court. In cases where title to property is in question the court is avoided by the better lawyers. This may be owing to defects in the statute under which the court was established, or it may be in the distrust that all good lawyers entertain toward a court of limited jurisdiction. Senator Barnard calls attention to still another objectionable feature. He says that the stenographer of the court receives a salary of \$2,500, and hires the work done for \$600 or \$700. This, if true, is manifestly prejudicial to the taxpayers. On the whole it would appear that the superior court is a redundant judicial tribunal and one that can be dispensed with without injury to any interest. The circuit court has general jurisdiction already and concurrent jurisdiction in all matters not specifically reserved to the superior court. The calendars of the circuit court are not overcrowded, and all the business now transacted by the superior court could be transferred without imposing onerous additional work on the circuit judges. It is no reflection on Judge Burlingame nor the officers of the court that it is a superfluous institution. They perform their duties faithfully and well. But the duties should be transferred to other courts to save the needless expense for maintaining this one.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

That the punishment provided by law for murder in Michigan is ineffective and insufficient has been for some time apparent. The frightful increase in the number of murders within the past year has served to arouse the public to the truth of this fact. The Toronto News, in discussing crime and punishment, says with force that it is the supreme fact that the life of the murderer will be suddenly and forcibly terminated which does and must constitute the deterring element in capital punishment. "Few men brought up to the point of murder will stop to consider the details of the punishment when the risk of losing their own lives has failed to check their evil passions. In any case society would never tolerate the use of torture as a deterrent. Justice demands that a life shall be the forfeit of a life, and public safety necessitates the removal of those dominated by murderous impulses; but mercy steps in and urges that this shall be done as quickly and painlessly as possible. The death penalty can never lose its terrors. The man who has lost all desire to live becomes a suicide, not a murderer, except in a few extreme cases. The benefits to be derived from a deliberate murder are generally contingent on a continuance of the murderer's own life, and where the act is the result of passion, the desire to kill paralyzes the power of thought, so that whichever way you look at it the public interest is in no way injured by an exhibition of that mercy which always waits upon the truest justice."

## DISCONTENTED LABOR.

When workmen shall come to understand that their relations to their employers are interdependent and co-existent there will be fewer labor troubles. The employer is compelled in this age of competition to base all his calculations upon the amount and permanence of wages to be paid. If a manufactured article sells for one dollar the manufacturer must previously adjust the cost of raw material and labor so as to insure him a profit that will counterbalance the interest on capital invested, insurance, taxes and contingent losses from bad debts. The laborer too frequently jumps at the conclusion that the difference between factory cost and selling price is clear profit, when as a matter of fact the difference is not great enough to cover the cost of marketing. When this conclusion is arrived at by a considerable number of men working in the same factory, a demand for increased wages is pretty sure to follow. They close their eyes to all other considerations and generally formulate their demands by saying: "We want what we earn; here is an employer who sits in his office and simply manages affairs; he lives in an elegant home, while we live in comparative poverty; he has leisure while we toil miserably; he has luxury while we can hardly find the necessities of life; and we demand that he increase our wages and allow us a more equitable division of the results and profits of our labor. Our work gives him his comforts and his luxuries, and labor produces all these things and labor should enjoy its rewards." This demand and statement of the case bear on their faces the appearance of

justice. But the discontented one does not see, in some cases will not see, that the man who sits at the desk is the medium through which the factory is operated. If he appear to be comfortable it is not so much through the profits from labor as through the mental sagacity and business tact which are employed every working hour to keep the market of supply down, the factory in operation and the market of sale free and steady. Ten cents increase on one man's pay may not appear to be a great concession, but when 500 men demand it, it means \$50 less in gross resources every day, and that may be enough to check the employer at both ends and shut the factory. This is not always the case, but in many instances unreasoning demands of fairly well-paid workmen lead to the discomfiture of both men and business.

It is the opinion of Judge Morse that after a certificate of election is issued to an officer-elect, the questions affecting his election are removed from the jurisdiction of the courts to the body of which he is to be a member, and which is by constitutional provision the judge of the election and qualifications of its members. This is undoubtedly the law, but when a crime has been committed during any of the proceedings held prior to the filing of the returns, the courts have jurisdiction of both the subject matter and the persons engaged in the proceeding.

It is not often that an editor trespasses on the space allotted to his readers to acknowledge the courtesies extended to him by members of his working family. Hence the editor of this paper will be pardoned if he trespasses to the extent of saying that his Christmas remembrance by the members of the local staff, consisting of a massive solid silver inkstand is not more beautiful in his eyes than the measure of friendship it conveys.

After reviewing its fourteen years of existence, THE HERALD, in issuing its last number, very prettily says: "And so, with thanks to subscribers, advertisers and patrons of whatever kind for their generous support, confidence and appreciation, the old management of THE HERALD, on this joyous Christmas eve, regretfully says good-bye, heartily wishing to all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

DELESSERS seems to be the pliant and unhappy catnap of a wicked wife. The story cabled from abroad depicting her sinister and selfish character will excite general sympathy for the mental, physical and financial bankrupt leader of the Canal scheme.

With their usual enterprise the correspondents have made up a cabinet for President-elect Cleveland. If he were sensible to true gratitude, he would accept it as a Christmas gift, with thanks.

In taking action to compel the contractors to observe the letter and spirit of their contracts, the board of public works has performed a laudable public duty.

To all its bright and interesting exchanges, as well as to all its readers and friends, THE HERALD extends fraternal greetings and a "Merry Christmas."

JOHN T. RICH will be governor of Michigan one week from today, and Governor Winans will retire to the obscurity of his Hamburg estate.

Up to date Don Dickinson is reported to have visited Washington for the purpose of repairing no less than 482 breaks in the democratic fences.

If the French deputies shall continue to probe into the festering canal scandal, it is feared that the Nicaragua scheme will receive a set-back.

If the democrats want to hold an extra session, why do they make so much fuss about it? The republicans are entirely unconcerned.

STATE PRESS GOSSIP.  
Joseph Maney, state organizer of the state liquor dealer's association, has been bounced for getting drunk. An association of inconsistency. An association living by the profits derived from guzzling surely should not bounce its agent for getting the example.—Muskegon Chronicle.

A Chicago jury went out the other day and shortly afterward sent in a requisition for a case of beer, two quarts of whiskey, a dozen bottles of ale, a box of cigars, three packs of cards, and a dozen meals. For a Chicago jury that was a very modest request.—Fort Huron Times.

A few weeks hence we shall doubtless learn from the last agents that the drug tracing atmosphere of Colorado which prevented passengers from being killed when the Santa Fe train went over the embankment.—Detroit Tribune.

The man who works for a dollar a day looks aghast at the array of toys in shop windows as he thinks of the little ones at home. Then he buys with the almighty dollar while it melts away.—Jackson Patriot.

Following the news that Grover Cleveland has been admitted to the Sigma Chi society of New York, comes the report that the initiatory goat has petitioned for a vacation.—Bay City Tribune.

There are 803 convicts in Jackson prison. A number of republicans are willing to pardon the wardens and keepers and take their sentences upon themselves.—Adrian Press.

Of 3,570 persons shipwrecked on our coast last year only twenty perished. This fact is an eloquent eulogy of the American life-saving service.—Adrian Times.

## EACH ONE A PEARL

The Weekly Newspapers Pay High Tribute

## TO THE BIG SUNDAY EDITION

All of Them Admire Its Make-Up and Typographical Appearance—What They Have to Say.

That the fifty-two page edition of THE HERALD is a distinct achievement in Michigan journalism is borne out by the multitude of complimentary things said of it by the daily papers of the state, already reproduced, and by the following notices in the weekly papers named—

Last Sunday's issue of THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD consisted of fifty-two pages, by far the largest single issue of any paper ever published in western Michigan and second only in the state to the semi-centennial issue of the Detroit Free Press a few years ago. Among the fifty-two pages was a write up of the principal manufactures and business houses of the Valley City and a large amount of original and local matter, telegraphic dispatches, etc. In fact, notwithstanding the mammoth proportions of the issue every page showed careful work and the whole reflected great credit on the editorial and business managements.

It is a commendable and laudable enterprise, and a sign of prosperity.—Allegan Democrat.

Last Sunday's issue of THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD was the largest single issue of any paper ever printed in western Michigan, and with one exception, the semi-centennial anniversary edition of the Detroit Free Press, it is the largest newspaper ever printed in the state of Michigan. It was issued as a deep-water souvenir and a special Christmas number, and it proved a mammoth success in all of its numerous departments. It contains fifty-two pages filled with a large variety of editorial, local, state, general news and literature.—Cassopolis Herald.

That there has been a pronounced advance in local journalism has been quite recently demonstrated. THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, one of the most vigorously daily papers in Michigan, issued a mammoth holiday number last Sunday, which reflects great credit upon its managers. There were fifty-two pages, all filled with carefully prepared and interesting reading matter, interspersed with some of the best newspaper illustrations ever printed here and a good showing of advertising, which was necessary to offset the great expense of such an undertaking.—Grand Rapids Review.

This time it was THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD's turn to roll out with a great issue. Last Sunday's issue was an issue of fifty-two pages. It is as large as though these papers were vying with one another to see which one could cover the most ground or paper, as it were. First, the Grand Rapids Democrat, with forty-eight pages, and the New York Tribune, with its fifty-six pages, and now THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD with fifty-two pages. Just wait until THE NEWS gets started once.—Caledonia News.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD issued last Monday a fifty-two page edition of that paper, which ranks as one of the largest single issues of any paper in the state of Michigan. It is a model of typographical excellence. Every page shows the work of an artist. It contained a very large amount of exceedingly interesting reading matter and well chosen illustrations. It was the staff of that popular journal.—Ravenna Times.

Last Sunday THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD issued the largest paper ever got out in Michigan, there being fifty-two seven column pages. Spread out it covers seventy-five surface feet, and it is a real masterpiece of printing. It is a square foot of printed matter in one issue. It deserves special mention as the greatest newspaper achievement of the year.—Bangor Advance.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD of last Sunday beat the record in Grand Rapids journalism by coming out with a fifty-two page edition, which was a starter for Christmas week. It was a mammoth affair, each paper weighing nearly a pound, and THE HERALD has been deservedly complimented all around on its enterprise.—Hartford Day Spring.

A highly creditable piece of newspaper work was last Sunday's edition of THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD. It consisted of fifty-two pages of well selected reading matter and artistically displayed advertising. But one more extensive daily paper was ever issued in the state.—Rainwell Enterprise.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD, Sunday edition, was a masterpiece of fifty-two pages, all of them of great interest. Always an excellent paper, THE HERALD is taking still higher rank, and compares favorably with the dailies of Detroit and other great cities.—South Haven Messenger.

THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD's Sunday edition this week contained fifty-two pages. It was largely descriptive of the business interests of Grand Rapids and was nicely illustrated. THE HERALD is well up to the front as a newspaper.—Saranac Local.

THE HERALD eclipsed all former efforts in an enterprising journalistic attempt in Grand Rapids by issuing a splendid fifty-two page issue Sunday morning, and it was a great achievement both for THE HERALD and Grand Rapids.—Rockford Register.

THIS WAS A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GRAND RAPIDS HERALD IN ISSUING A FIFTY-TWO PAGE PAPER, FILLED WITH INTERESTING MATTER, LAST SUNDAY MORNING. LARGEST PAPER EVER ISSUED IN WESTERN MICHIGAN.—Sparta Sentinel.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.  
His Last Word.—The desperate tramp to the drug clerk—"Give yer any strychnine or arsenic?" Tramp clerk—"No." The desperate tramp—"Well, then, gimme a piece of soap."—Chicago News Record.

She—"We shall have all of papa's money when he dies."  
He—"If he keeps on taking my advice in speculation, we shall have all of it before he dies."—Life.

Kate—"I really couldn't have refused Jack—he proposed so gracefully." May—"No wonder. He has had lots of practice, you know."—Smith, Gray & Co.'s Monthly.

round to call on you tonight." Smith—"That's right; but do me a favor, old man. Don't let her wear her new sequin dress; I don't want my wife to see it just now." Jones grimly—"Why, that's what we are coming for!"—Exchange.

## Taken by Surprise.

Yesterday was the scene of quite a little excitement in the yard of the manufacturing establishment of S. P. Swartz. At the noon hour the yard foreman, John Myers, entered the office of Mr. Swartz and notified him that the men in the mill had quit work. As Mr. Swartz knew of no dissatisfaction among his men, he was somewhat surprised to learn his men had struck. On repairing to the mill to adjust the seeming difficulties, he was confronted with his men, about sixty in number, who were drawn up in parallel lines. A handsome new buggy was in the center. It had a silver plate on the dash board on which was engraved, "Presented to S. P. Swartz, by his employees, December 25, 1892." George Pember, mill foreman, made a few remarks, and stated in behalf of the men he was commissioned to present to Mr. Swartz this gift as a token of regard and respect. He requested him to look it over and see if it suited him. Mr. Swartz, after recovering from his surprise, replied that he appreciated the gift very much, coming from the contributions of men who had been in his employ for several years, and the only thing he regretted was that they had overtaxed themselves in making such a valuable present.

## Berean Church Christmas.

If any of the children who ever attended the Berean Sunday school were not present at the Christmas exercises last night it was because that particular child was sick. But the health of the juvenile population of the north end is good. Before the distribution of the presents, which were hung on a Christmas tree, a program of singing and recitations was rendered.

One of the pleasantest features of the evening was the presentation to A. G. Mills, one of the teachers, with a group picture of seventeen of his girls. Every child and many of the older persons received a present from the tree, and the bright and happy faces of the children showed conclusively that they were having a "Merry Christmas" and expected to have a "Happy New Year."

## Did Not Find His Mother.

Harry Chesbro, aged 8 years, arrived on an afternoon train yesterday from Kalamazoo, expecting to be met by his mother, Mrs. Beanie Chesbro. She did not come and the little fellow was taken to police headquarters and cared for. He is well dressed and bright. He said he lived with Mrs. Messenger in Kalamazoo.

## Richardson is Confident.

George F. Richardson was in town last evening. He remarked to a reporter for THE HERALD that he didn't think the new scheme to beat him would be of any effect, and that he is confident of taking his seat in congress.

## State News in Brief.

Probably no woman in this vicinity can make a better showing for her work in the poultry line than Mrs. George W. Smith, of this block. She has realized \$100 for poultry marketed; has secured fifteen pounds of duck feathers, and during the year has sold eggs to the amount of \$75. Why shouldn't a farmer's wife have plenty of pin money?—Brooklyn Express.

A movement is on foot to organize a new judicial circuit to be made up of Gladwin, Arenac, Roscommon, Crawford and Otsego counties, and a bill is drawn already that will be offered on the assembling of the legislature.

The Pentwater News will celebrate its thirty-second birthday on January 1. It is to such clean newspapers as the News, always progressive, that Michigan owes her prosperity. May the News live these many years.

Big Rapids has no fire marshal, the old one being suspended for negligence. Residents of the town have had experience in fighting forest fires in the '60's, and might officiate themselves if occasion demanded.

The miners in the Lake Angelina mine at Ishpeming performed more work in an eight-hour day than they did in a ten-hour day. The mine will probably operate under the former plan.

Isaac M. Chase, the station agent at Devil's Lake, who pocketed his company's receipts as though they were his own, has been sentenced for the whole of thirty days in jail.

The Bangor Advance has issued a special 16-page holiday edition devoted partially to the town and its interests. It is carefully edited and replete with excellent reading matter.

A number of Portland boys tried to thrash a teacher, but the latter had won the prize and had provided himself with a horsewhip. The boys got what they deserved.

West Bay City water officials found there was a big leak somewhere. An investigation showed that about half the town were getting water free for no good of the town.

L. C. Blood, a Lansing grocer, declares he hasn't eaten supper for ten years. He is a picture of health, and says he experiences no inconvenience from the habit.

The owner of the Mt. Clemens street car system desires to extend it. As there is no objection to it, the Mt. Clemens will have electric cars in the spring.

E. J. Smith, the funny man of the Adrian Press, has given up newspaper work to make a trip through the south in search of health.

A Grand Haven merchant sends a dash to the hands of his customers and gives them a "free sleigh ride" to his store.

Angus McCormick, a farmer near Merrill, was thrown from his buggy in a runaway on Thursday and killed.

A Bay City crank calls at the post-office occasionally and pays postage on all unopened letters.

One Baker, a West Windsor youth, accidentally shot away the side of his face. He will die.

Wood avenue Methodists have sold their church for \$3,000 and will erect a new one.

Miss Eddy of Constantine was badly burned about the head by an explosion of gasoline.

W. J. McConnell, the new governor of Idaho, for many years lived at Portland.

Farmers near Prospect Lake will build a cheese factory in the spring.

Adrian taxpayers are objecting seriously to a new sewer.

Owosso prohibitionists will give a banquet December 28.

Jackson Y. M. C. A. have the "new building" later.

West Orosco has an Episcopal mission.

## NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

All the leading hotels will celebrate Christmas in regal style, and do all that is possible to gladden the heart of the stranger who is within their gates. The number of unwilling guests who are detained in the city is not unusually large but they will be just as homesick as if there were a million of them. The Morton will serve dinner from 3 until 7. The dining-room has been decorated with evergreens and holly, and an elaborate menu will be served. There is a host of good things in stock for the guests at the New Livingston. Colonel Riskey will serve a substantial Christmas dinner to the patrons of Sweet's. Dinner will be served at 5 o'clock at both Sweet's and the New Livingston. The guests at the Eagle will not suffer for the good things of Christmas. Deacon Johnston having made special preparations for them. The Clarendon will celebrate the day in fitting style, and something out of the ordinary is promised at the Bridge Street house and the Kent. Christmas in a hotel is not the most cheerful day in the year; but if a man's heart can be reached through the medium of his stomach, there is no reason why the guests should not be on extremely good terms with themselves.

Boyd Pantlind is now a full-fledged member of the Press club. A beautiful embossed certificate of membership was presented to him yesterday afternoon by the club. The presentation took place in the Morton. Mr. Pantlind was elected an honorary member of the club several months ago—so long ago that nearly everybody had forgotten about it. It is doubtful if even Mr. Pantlind remembers it. However, it was decided to present him with the certificate of membership for a Christmas present, and accordingly he was waylaid in the lobby of the Morton. Mr. Pantlind gracefully accepted the honor, and is now enrolled among the toilers who earn their bread by chasing for news.

President O. Clute of the Agricultural college, is a belated guest at the Morton, having missed the Lansing train last night. "I have been conducting farmers' institutes at Bengonia, Traverse City and Eastport," he said.

"We endeavor to make those institutes of practical benefit to farmers. For instance we have been discussing smut in wheat, and telling the farmers how to treat the seed so as to kill the worms of the fungi. The college itself is in good condition. We are taking our winter vacation now. I think the college has effected a beneficial effect upon the farming of the state. The bulletins sent out by the experiment station are very valuable."

Len W. Rice and wife of the Bridge street house, went to Cooperville last evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Rice's parents.

## HIT AND MISS BREVITIES.

The good Colonel Shepard has got into difficulty over an attempt he is accused of making to bribe a couple of police commissioners. Good men should not do wicked things unless they have brains enough to do them sickly.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## Sued for Divorce.

It is very annoying indeed to write a beautiful wedding notice for a friend and have it all made ludicrous by an error upstairs. But those things will happen.—Birmingham Age Herald.

The rising tide of protectionist sentiment among the farmers of England is the impressive testimony of a nation which has tried free trade and found it wanting.—New York Press.

The battle of the actresses about the silver statue may breed as much trouble as that old-time row about the golden apple.—New York Journal.

Jagson says he supposes dog-dancing had its origin in the great stamp act we hear so much about.—Evening Gazette.

Chicago is getting funny over Mrs. Beant's lecture, and talking about "jackstraw bodies."—Toledo Blade.

## POINTS ABOUT MEN.

Ex-President Hayes says that inasmuch as the 4th of March fell on Sunday when he was authorized by law to be inaugurated as president he was privately inaugurated on that day, although the public inauguration did not occur until the succeeding Monday.

He has suggested that, under like circumstances, President-elect Cleveland may follow a similar course.

Murphy, the temperance lecturer, would like to give brief lectures between the acts in the theaters of the city in which he may be engaged. The difficulty in the way is that these inter-act periods happen just when the audience most want to go out and see a man.

Charles Dickens was not much of a dancer until his daughter took him in hand and taught him the polka. But when she tried to guide him through a schottische he threw up the sponge, and his teacher had to admit that he was a dismal failure.

Modesty is one of the characteristics of Kansas. J. E. Watson is honored as the nearest man in her boundaries, and yet he has only a list of three millions to his name—hardly enough to win him recognition in New York.

St. Louis men have enclosed a thousand acres of Taney county land as a deer park and have fenced it to the height of eight feet, so that deer can jump into the park, but cannot jump out again.

General Wade Hampton has formally reiterated his determination not to again enter public life.

The remains of the late United States Commissioner Hallet of Boston were cremated at Troy.

John Townsend, the veteran tragedian, is dying of cancer of the liver at Toronto.

General Weaver's favorite drink is buttermilk sweetened with sugar.

This Xmas will not be a particularly merry one to John Caldwell, a Macomb county farmer. During the year he has lost 320 sheep and thirty head of cattle by being poisoned. The wretch is still at large.

## To-Day is Christmas, the greatest of all Christian festivals.

The entire juvenile population and the majority of adults have been made happy by the receipt of gifts. The day of the Saviour's birth is unknown and it was not till the time of Pope Julius I. A. D. 337—352 that December 25th was finally fixed upon as the day to be observed.

## Soap Stone Foot Warmer!

All this would have been avoided and your home would have remained peaceful and happy.

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We have a stock of these justly celebrated shovels that we are closing out at prices that astonish the oldest.

## STREET CLEANERS

Will remove the ice and snow that has packed hard on your walk quicker almost than lightning.

## ICE CREEPERS!

Will prevent many a slip and fall. You ought not, if you care anything for your personal comfort, venture out on the street without them. They are easily adjusted to your shoe and can be turned up out of the way when not in use. Everything in the line of Winter Goods we can show you in the latest styles and designs.

## Sued for Divorce.

Kate M. Elanathan filed on Friday at 2 p. m. a bill of divorce against Edward L. Elanathan.

## Cause: Husband's Cold Feet.

Poor Edward, had you taken advantage of the advice we gave you some weeks ago and purchased a

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